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# BIG SUR.
## A.K.A "POSEIDON'S TOILET."

POSEIDON'S TOILET! WHAT A STINK! OF ALL THE DAMN HIGHWAYS WE HAD TO RIDE...

THIS USED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL STRETCHES OF ROAD ON THE PLANET. REMINDED ME OF BEING IN CHURCH, BUT WITHOUT ALL THE ROBES AND INCENSE.

BRR-APP-APP

WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED YOU WERE AN **ALTAR BOY**, PETER?

HE STILL IS, PENELOPE! PROBABLY MISSES THE TENDER TOUCH OF HIS PASTOR'S **HAND** AND THOSE DARK, SWEATY **CONFESSIONALS**. OH, TO BE A FLY ON **THAT** WALL!

HA! YOU CRACK ME **UP**, BOSS!

I PUT UP WITH A LOT OF YOUR ***LIP***, DICK, BUT MOCK MY GOD AGAIN AND I SWEAR I'LL ***END*** YOU.

AIN'T NO GOD TO **MOCK**, ALTAR BOY! LOOK AROUND. IF HE WAS EVER HERE, HE DITCHED THIS HELLHOLE LONG AGO.

HRRRRR...

*THE SEARCH FOR A SUPREME DEITY IS MANKIND'S GREATEST **FOLLY**, PETER. EVERYBODY IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT **THEIR** INVISIBLE SKY-DADDY IS SUPERIOR TO THE **HUNDREDS** THAT CAME BEFORE.*

*HA!*

*SCIENCE DOESN'T ANSWER **EVERYTHING**, PROFESSOR.*

*PERHAPS NOT, PETER. ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT THE FIRST INDIVIDUAL TO MAKE AN **ACTION FIGURE** OUT OF ZEUS PISSED OFF THE LAST INDIVIDUAL TO SACRIFICE A **BULL** TO HIM.*

HEY! DON'T TALK TRASH ABOUT ***ZEUS!***

I GIVE UP.

SERIOUSLY, PENELOPE, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN? IS YOUR LEGENDARY ***GOD KING*** GOING TO HURL DOWN A THUNDERBOLT AT MY BLASPHEMOUS--

RRRRRR

ALL THIS TALK ABOUT GODS IS AMUSING, BUT I THINK YOU NEED A LITTLE REMINDER OF WHO'S **REALLY** THROWING THE THUNDERBOLTS AROUND HERE.

RRRRRR-UMMM!

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## POSEIDON'S TOILET

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Once upon a time, there was a young girl...

RRRRRR-UMMM!

...who lived on an island in Greece with her beautiful mother and sweet little sister. Her real father was dead, but she had a stepfather.

Αἴγινα Χώρα

An evil stepfather.

The Cyclops hated the young girl, and would beat her if she did anything even the slightest bit wrong.

Or even if she didn't do anything wrong.

Her mother tried to protect the young girl from the Cyclops...

...but she couldn't even protect herself.

The young girl, however, did protect her tiny sister.

At least she was planning to.

The young girl missed her real father, who had died racing his chariot. She dreamed of the day when she would be strong enough to take the reins and carry her mother and sister away from her cruel stepfather.

And when she left, she would also take the handsome boy who worked in the stables. He didn't know it yet, but he was going to marry her. And they'd live happily ever--

HMPH?

A-HUCCCK!

UNGH! CHARMING.

OFF!

UNNN!

GONNA *GUT* YOU FOR THAT, DICK!

OOOMPH.

YOU INHALED A *GALLON* OF THAT CESSPOOL! I JUST SAVED YOUR *LIFE*, YOU VICIOUS WITCH!

MIGHT HAVE TO RETURN THE FAVOR.

CHITT CHITT CHITT

CHITT CHITT CHITT

WELL, YOU'RE CERTAINLY A *MESS.*

AFFIRMATIVE, PROFESSOR. HOWEVER, I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT *YOU* ARE INTACT.

*MY* RIDE'S LUNCHED, TOO. WE'RE NOT FLYING OUT OF HERE ANYTIME SOON.

*DAMN* YOU, ANNOUNCER! WHY THE HELL DO YOU HAVE TO MESS WITH US ALL THE TIME? WHAT'S THE FREAKIN' *POINT?*

*MAYBE I'M A SADIST.*

*MAYBE I'M TESTING YOU.*

*MAYBE IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. YOU AGREED TO THE RACE. NOW STOP COMPLAINING AND* **FINISH** *IT,* **LAZY** *LUKE.*

HEY! HAS ANYBODY SEEN DICK?

OR PENELOPE?

SNNNNF! SNNNNF!

RRRRRR... RARF! RRRRARF!

LOOKS LIKE THE HELLHOUND'S GOT A LOCK ON HIS BASTARD MASTER'S LIFE SIGNS.

HE'S ALIVE, UNFORTUNATELY.

IF DICK'S ALIVE THEN MAYBE PENELOPE MADE IT, TOO! WE HAVE TO GO AFTER HER.

EVEN IF IT MEANS SAVING DICK?

RRRRRR... LET HIM DIE.

YOU KNOW THE RULES. YOU CAN FIGHT, AND YOU CAN CHEAT, BUT YOU CAN'T LET YOUR FELLOW RACERS DIE.

HMPH! STUPID RULE.

I THINK IT'S A *GREAT* RULE! RUFUS! A LITTLE *HELP* HERE?

FATE TIN LEPIDA MOU!*

*EAT MY BLADE!

SHLLLK

THA SAS KANO OUZOMEZE!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?

CHITT CHITT

I'M SAYING I'M GONNA MAKE THESE BASTARDS INTO A SIDE DISH WITH OUZO!

SHLLLK

REALLY? I'M NEVER GOING TO EAT SEAFOOD AGAIN!

CHITT CHITT CHITT

CHITT

IT'S A GREEK THING.

SHLLLK

Freedom was close. In just a few more days the young girl would run away with her family and the boy she loved.

ΕΡΓΑΛΕΙΟΘΗΚΗ

But nothing escaped the eye of the Cyclops.

Nothing.

Something died inside of the young girl at that moment. It might have been hope. It might have been love.

But whatever it was that died was replaced with a rage that couldn't be held inside of her broken heart.

KA-BLAM!

CLUBS DON'T HURT 'EM!

SO LET'S *BURN* 'EM, DUMBASS!

FFFFRRR

THE *HELL?*

WHY YOU *SHOOTING* AT ME, RED?

IT'S... IN MY... HEAD.

CAN'T... STOP.

SORRY... YOU DAMN... DEVIANT...

WELL, LOOK WHO BROUGHT A *GUN* TO A *CHAINSAW FIGHT.*

*BRRRR!*

CHITT CHITT CHITT

CHI

HNNNNN...

THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM.

FINALLY!

DAMN. I'M COVERED IN *CRAB GUTS* AND I'M *FREEZING.*

BETTER?

YEAH. THANKS.

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER HEARD YOU THANK *ANYBODY* FOR *ANYTHING*.

WELL, I HAVE A *REPUTATION* TO MAINTAIN.

HOW DID YOU BECOME SUCH A BASTARD, ANYWAY?

YEARS OF PRACTICE. TRUE BASTARDS AREN'T BORN. THEY'RE *MADE*.

YEAH. IT'S PRETTY MUCH LIFE'S JOB TO BEAT US DOWN UNTIL WE LOSE ALL HOPE AND START HATING THE WORLD.

HOPE IS A *SUCKER'S GAME*, PENELOPE, AND I DON'T PLAY.

FOR SOMEBODY WHO TALKS SO MUCH TRASH, YOU MAKE A LOT OF SENSE. SO, HOW DID YOU GET INTO THIS RACE?

"I WAS TOLD I COULD MAKE AMENDS FOR A VERY BAD CHOICE."

HOW ABOUT YOU?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

BUT I DON'T THINK IT WAS A BAD CHOICE.

I ONLY WISH I'D DONE IT SOONER.

The Cyclops' death couldn't bring back the boy she loved...

...but she could still save her mother and sister.

Or so she thought. The gods had other plans, and they sank her home, drowning all that she loved...

...sparing only her, so she could live with her guilt and her shame in the waste-land that remained.

RR-RIP!

I DON'T TAKE CRAP FROM ANY PLANT!

OHHHH... RIGHT UP THE OLD BACK ROAD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SEE IN THIS, RUFUS.

YOU'RE WELCOME, ASSHAT.

TATATATATA!

THAT'S THE *LAST* OF THEM! NOW LET'S FIX OUR RIDES AND RESCUE PENELOPE!

AND DICK!

YEAH. AND DICK, I GUESS.

RRRRRR...

THE GODS HAVE ***CURSED*** ME. MY ONLY HOPE FOR REDEMPTION IS THE REWARD AT THE END OF THIS RACE.

THERE ***ARE*** NO DAMN GODS. OUR FATES ARE OURS TO DECIDE, FOR GOOD OR BAD, SO TO ***HELL*** WITH THEM ALL! THEY CAN EAT A BAG OF--

DICK! AAAAA!

I DON'T ***BELIEVE*** THIS!

HSSSSS

WHY DOES THIS KEEP ***HAPPENING*** TO ME?

MAYBE YOU ***ARE*** CURSED!

FWOOOSHHH

WHAT THIS HELL IS ***THIS?***

IT'S SOME KIND OF ***LOGO!*** WHY IN THE ***WORLD***--

WHO CARES ABOUT SOME DAMN ***GRAFFITI?*** WE'RE ABOUT TO ***DROWN*** IN THIS STINKING TOILET!

NO, WE'RE NOT.

AHOY, ASSHATS!

WELCOME ABOARD!

DON'T SCRATCH MY UPHOLSTERY.

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, PENDING?

YOUR CONSISTENCY IS COMFORTING, DASTARDLY. ALL JERK, ALL THE TIME.

COME ON. LET'S FINISH THIS DAMN RACE.

The young girl had learned a sad and powerful lesson.

Some fates are impossible to avoid.

And some lives are impossible to save.

You can dream of a better world, but in the end...

...hope is the mother of sorrow.

ISSSSS

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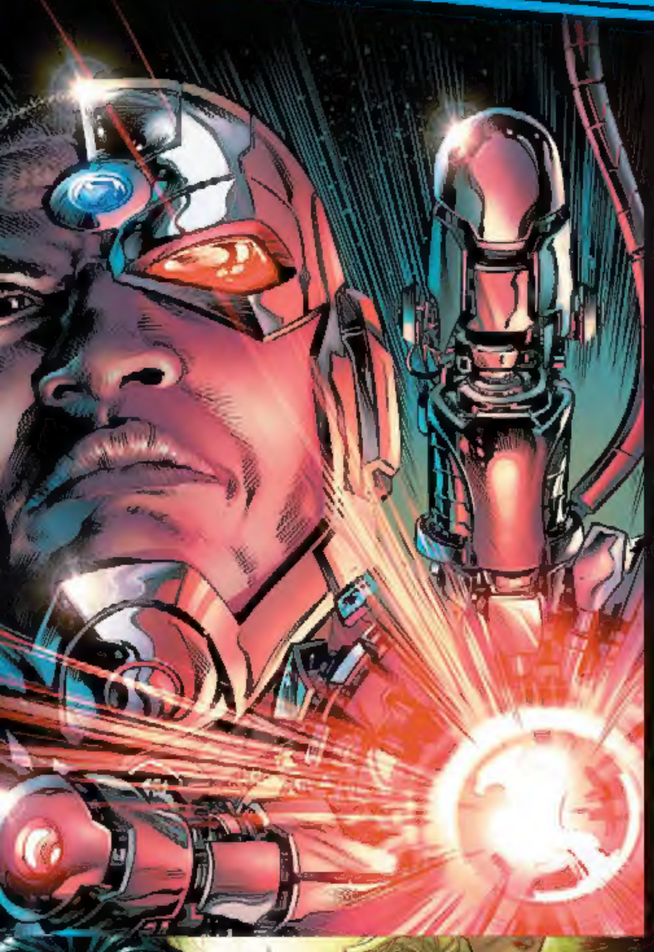

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